

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL 5/23/16 85 N. MARKET ST. 7PM

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order, present was Atty. Beagle, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Todd and Mr. Tyger. (Mr. Walker was absent). Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Law Director Dave Powers, Chief Kevin Dickey, Finance Director Traci Thompson and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the May 9 SPRC & Regular meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Atty. Beagle. There were no department reports or agenda items.

CLERK: Martin told Council that the recycling bins were moved to the parking lot by Rockenberger Auto on Martin St. during the Street Fair. Mr. Elzer stated he spoke to Commissioner Tim Weigle and that they have just approved security cameras to be put up around the recycling bins.

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch stated the Fire Department hosted “Touch a Truck” at the Library on Saturday and they did a great job, Dogs on the Run also had their first anniversary that day. She stated she attended a Mayors meeting in Columbiana hosted by Bill Johnson.

MANAGER: Manager Monteleone stated in reference to the salt resolution that the County is going to try going to bid for salt, the legislation is for the state salt bid so we can participate in the State program in case in the County bids come back high. He said he received a letter from ODOT asking for a formal decline of the Transportation Enhancement Grant for the walking trail. The grant was to extend the walking trail but after the costs for moving the phone poles coming back at around \$50,000.00 and the residents of the area voicing that they did not want the project done it was dead in the water. Mr. Tyger made a motion to decline the funds from the Transportation Enhancement Grant, seconded by Mr. Cohen. 4 Yes & 1 NO (Mr. Elzer) to pass. Monteleone said he opened the paving bids and they were pleasantly surprised that bids came back pretty low, he said he budgeted the project for around \$206,000 and they came in around \$160,000. He said we may be able to pave some more roads that were slated for next year and do them this year. Monteleone stated that the first 3 to 5 commissioned murals in town will be funded by Chevrolet/Tom Brittain through a grant. He said he received two letters of interest for the Park Board position and he plans on speaking with each individual before making his decision. Mr. Tyger asked about some needed curb repairs downtown and Monteleone said he would look into it.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers stated that there is contractor who wants build a spec home at Leslie Run and he would like some direction as to how to handle the contract, they have discussed selling the property, collecting the tap in fees up front but not receiving payment for the lot until the home is sold. Powers said the risk comes in if the home doesn’t sell or the contractor goes out of business we could potentially lose out on the cost of a lot. He doesn’t think that is likely to happen but it is a risk. Mr. Elzer said to do whatever it takes to get it sold. Monteleone stated that the builder has expressed interest in building additional homes if this one goes well. Atty. Powers also asked that someone call for an executive session to discuss a matter concerning union contracts and personnel.

STREET: NO REPORT

S/P/R/C: Mr. Cohen stated things are progressing at the park as far as getting ready for summer and the pool should be opening this weekend weather permitting. Mr. Tyger said the cemetery is looking good but it does need a little trimming. Monteleone said they have started some of the summer workers early to get caught up on the grass. Dot Herbert (Ticket Booth Manager) said everything is looking good and the kids will have the “Schools out Special” on Thursday June 2. Monteleone said there have been some “hiccups” with the new pool heater but they are working on it. Audience member Mary Beth DiCello asked when the grass at the park would be addressed as it is very high and looks terrible. Monteleone stated that in starting some of the summer help early the park is another area they will be working on. Mr. Cohen stated we run into this problem every year. Monteleone stated someone suggested having volunteers come out and mow on DOG Days next year to help get caught up as this time of year is always a very busy time.

DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Elzer reminded everyone of the Street Fair this week.

UTILTIY: Mr. Todd stated we should be getting some answers in reference to the I & I problem soon.

FINANCE: Mr. Tyger called for a Finance Committee meeting prior to the next regular meeting on June 13 at 6:30 to go over the 2017 budget.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

VISITORS: John & Dot Herbert, Kent Chapman, Chief Kevin Dickey, Dianna Elzer, Terri Ward, John Davis, Mary Beth DiCello and Katie White.

LEGISLATION: Atty. Beagle introduced Amended Res. 7-2016 and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An emergency resolution authorizing the Columbiana County Auditor to certify to the Municipality of East Palestine the total current tax valuation of the Municipality and the dollar amount of revenue which would be generated by a renewal of the current two mill police levy in the municipality.** Atty. Beagle made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mr.Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y. Atty. Beagle called for a vote on amended Res. 7-2016. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y. 5 yes to pass. Atty. Beagle introduced Amended Res. 8-2016 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **A resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation, for 2.0 mills for the purposed of providing and maintain motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings and sites for such buildings used directly in operation of a police department, or the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel, including the payment of the police officers employers contribution required under section 742.33 of the revised code pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19 (j).** Atty. Beagle made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y. Atty. Beagle called for a vote on amended Res. 8-2016. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Atty. Beagle-y. 5 yes to pass. Atty. Beagle made a motion to amend the agenda to add Res. 9-2016 seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor. Atty. Beagle introduced Res. 9-2016 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **A resolution authorizing the Village Manager, on behalf of the Village to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to purchase road salt.** Atty. Beagle made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Mr. Cohen. Mr. Tyger-y, Atty. Beagle, Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y , Mr. Todd-y. Atty. Beagle called for a vote on Res. 9-2016. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y. 5 yes to pass. Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 10-2016 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance amending Chapter 1252.14 E 7 of the Codified Ordinances of the Municipality of Ohio.** Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 11-2016 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance adopting the budget and estimated resources for the Village of East Palestine, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017.** Mr. Cohen made a motion to go into executive session per ORC Section 121.22 section G 4 to discuss union contracts and personnel inviting the Manager and Law Director, seconded by Mr. Tyger. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Cohen-Y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Todd -y. 5 yes for executive session. At 8:25 council came out of executive session at which point Atty. Beagle made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Tyger. All in favor, meeting adjourned.